

elected as County Attorneys can at least furnish a reasonable bond. Lets take for example a county treasurer. You have a bond there of \$10,000. It would seem to me that this ought to be a \$100,000 because the county treasurer generally has hundreds of thousands of dollars in his custody in which he has the sole custody. He has the area in which bank it is going to be placed and in some extent what it is going to be invested in with the suggestion of others. While this is not an original bill this is the time and place in order to consider whether this bill ought to be substantially amended. Lets go down for example to the Sheriff. You have got here a very nominal amount of bond in so far as the Sheriff is concerned. \$10,000, now I think that every Sheriff in the state of Nebraska ought to furnish a bond of \$50,000. I think that it would bring about a complete revision of this thing and this goes on through the bill the County commissioner. The County Commissioner has a great deal of responsibility and practically no supervision. Really nobody watches the county commissioner, anymore than anybody really watches us and I don't advocate a bond for a state Senator. On the other hand on the county commissioner where they spend literally millions of dollars collectively it seems to me that a bond of that size certainly is not to mention a \$5,000 it ought to be \$50,000. Now if this body is not in the frame of mind to generally revise this bill, I don't want to make the effort but I do think that the bill as it now is, and I don't cast any cast any discretions on the chairman, because he is one of the best chairmen that I have ever known, and I am sure that this is one of those request bills as it is a habit of mine I think that some of these bills ought to be looked at even though you change materially the intent of the introducer and that of the committee. Now if there is any particular adverse objection to amending this bill materially I'll not attempt to do it. If there is, then I would like to have it passed over and I will bring an amendment in and bring it in tomorrow for your consideration. I don't want to waste your time or mine.

SPEAKER: Senator Luedtke

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Mr. President, I thank Senator Carpenter for his very kind remarks and I hate to take exceptions to his statements however I think Senator Carpenter if you will note this particular bill deals only with the money handled by these particular officers and I think, in fact we talked about this when Mr. Ruhnke came before the committee. The point is how much money actually comes into their hands, that is the only way you could get a law suit on these particular bonds. I think what Senator Carpenter is eluding too might be other law suits that might be filed against public officials and we do have other laws affecting that particular responsibility and liability. Now not in the court area but in the area of liability in fact we passed a bill in the last session dealing with this subject. I really believe Senator Carpenter that if you want to get into that area, I think that maybe it is an area that should be carefully studied and I agree with you that there are some of those areas particularly as to who would pay for such liabilities if a judgment were to be made that maybe we do run into a problem. I don't think however that this particular section deals with the problems that you bring up and I don't think that these particular of cash handled is sufficient, now that is the way that I understand it.

SPEAKER: Senator Whitney.

SENATOR Whitney; I would like to ask Senator Luedtke a question. If he will yield.